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SUBJECT: STAFFDEL LOWENSTEIN/ MOOSE

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1. WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING MESSAGE ON PRE- DEPARTURE
MEETINGS WITH LOWENSTEIN AND MOOSE WHICH MAY COVER SOME
OF SUBJECTS LISTED BELOW. ON BASIS OUR EXPERIENCE WITH
STAFFDEL WE ANTICIPATE THEY WILL RAISE THESE SUBJECTS
WITH US. NEED FULL DETAILS OF WHAT THEY WERE TOLD IN
WASHINGTON PRE- DEPARTURE BRIEFINGS PLUS ANY ADDITIONAL
GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE.

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2. PLANS FOR US FORCE REDUCTION. THEY WILL NO DOUBT BE VERY INTERESTED IN GETTING A PICTURE OF US FORCE STRUCTURE PLANNING, INCLUDING ANTICIPATED PHASE-DOWN IN VIEW OF CEASEFIRE AND PERENNIAL QUESTION OF US RESIDUAL FORCE THAT MIGHT BE RETAINED HERE.

3. THAI VOLUNTEERS. IN VIEW THEIR INTENSE INTEREST THIS SUBJECT DURING THEIR LAST VISIT, WE EXPECT THEM TO PROBE DEEPLY RE PLANS FOR PROGRAM IN LIGHT OF LAOS CEASEFIRE, SPECIFICALLY WHETHER PROGRAM WILL BE TERMINATED AT END OF FY-73; DISPOSITION OF VOLUNTEER WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT;

SIZE AND METHOD OF FUNDING IN FY-74, IF CONTINUED. ARE THEY AWARE OF TOP LEVEL WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION CURRENTLY BEING GIVEN TO FUTURE OF PROGRAM?

4. HEADQUARTERS RELATIONSHIPS. STAFF DELS MAY ASK WHY IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE BOTH THE USSAG/7 TH AND THE 7/13 TH HEADQUARTERS IN THAILAND.

5. CAMBODIA OPERATIONS. HOW MUCH DETAIL MAY STAFF DELS BE PROVIDED ON CURRENT AIR OPERATIONS IN CAMBODIA?

6. RESUMPTION/ CONTINUATION OF BOMBING. WHAT CAN WE SAY IS LEGAL BASIS FOR CONTINUING BOMBING IN CAMBODIA AND POSSIBLE RESUMPTION IN LAOS AND VIETNAM ONCE POW RETURN COMPLETE AND US FORCES WITHDRAWN FROM RVN? (SEE PARA 15 B OF REF C.)

7. AAT. PRESUME THIS NO LONGER AS ACTIVE AN ISSUE WITH THEM AS LAST YEAR, BUT THEY MAY INQUIRE RE AAT IMPLEMENTATION.

8. NUMBER OF US PERSONNEL IN THAILAND UNRELATED TO COMBAT OPERATIONS. THIS BECAME SOMETHING OF AN ISSUE LAST TIME. NEED GUIDANCE EVEN IF THEY DID NOT RAISE QUESTION IN PRE- DEPARTURE SESSIONS.
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